



7 YEARS  
A POW  
IN HANOI!

# In the Presence of Mine Enemies

THE TRUE STORY  
OF A U.S. PILOT  
AND HIS WIFE!

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YOU WILL WRITE  
A CONFESSION OR  
YOU WILL DIE !!!

WHAT  
IS YOUR  
CHOICE?

HERE  
IT  
IS!

DEATH

Lee Harvey



**AMERICA WAITED 7 YEARS FOR THIS STORY!**

AND IT'S **TRUE!** THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS!

**WAR!  
SUFFERING!  
TORTURE!**

AND THEN :

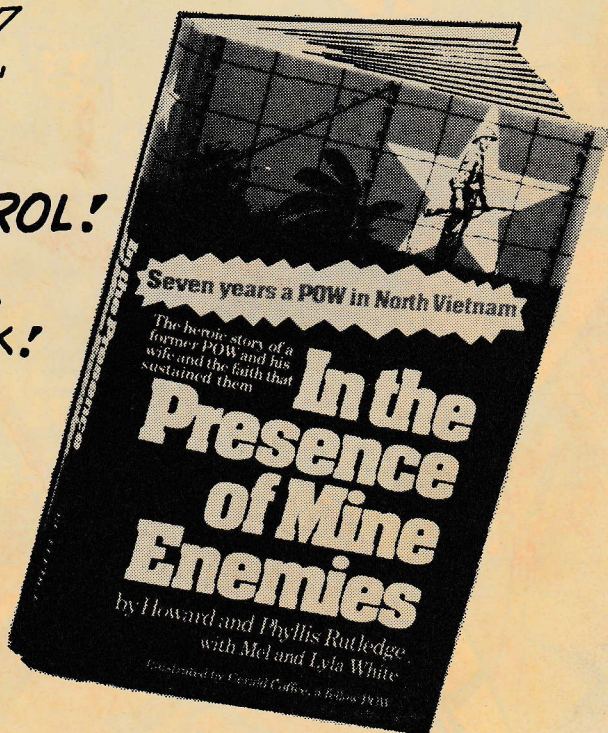
**PEACE!  
VICTORY!  
FREEDOM!**



THIS DRAMATIC  
**TRUE STORY**  
DIDN'T "JUST HAPPEN."  
PRAYER AND FAITH  
PLAYED A PART!  
**GOD WAS IN CONTROL!**  
YOU CAN READ **ALL**  
THE EXCITING DETAILS  
IN THE COMPLETE BOOK!

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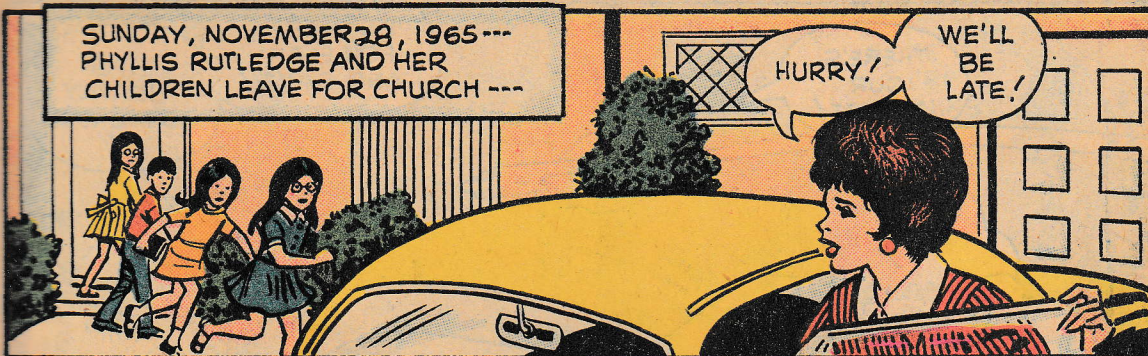
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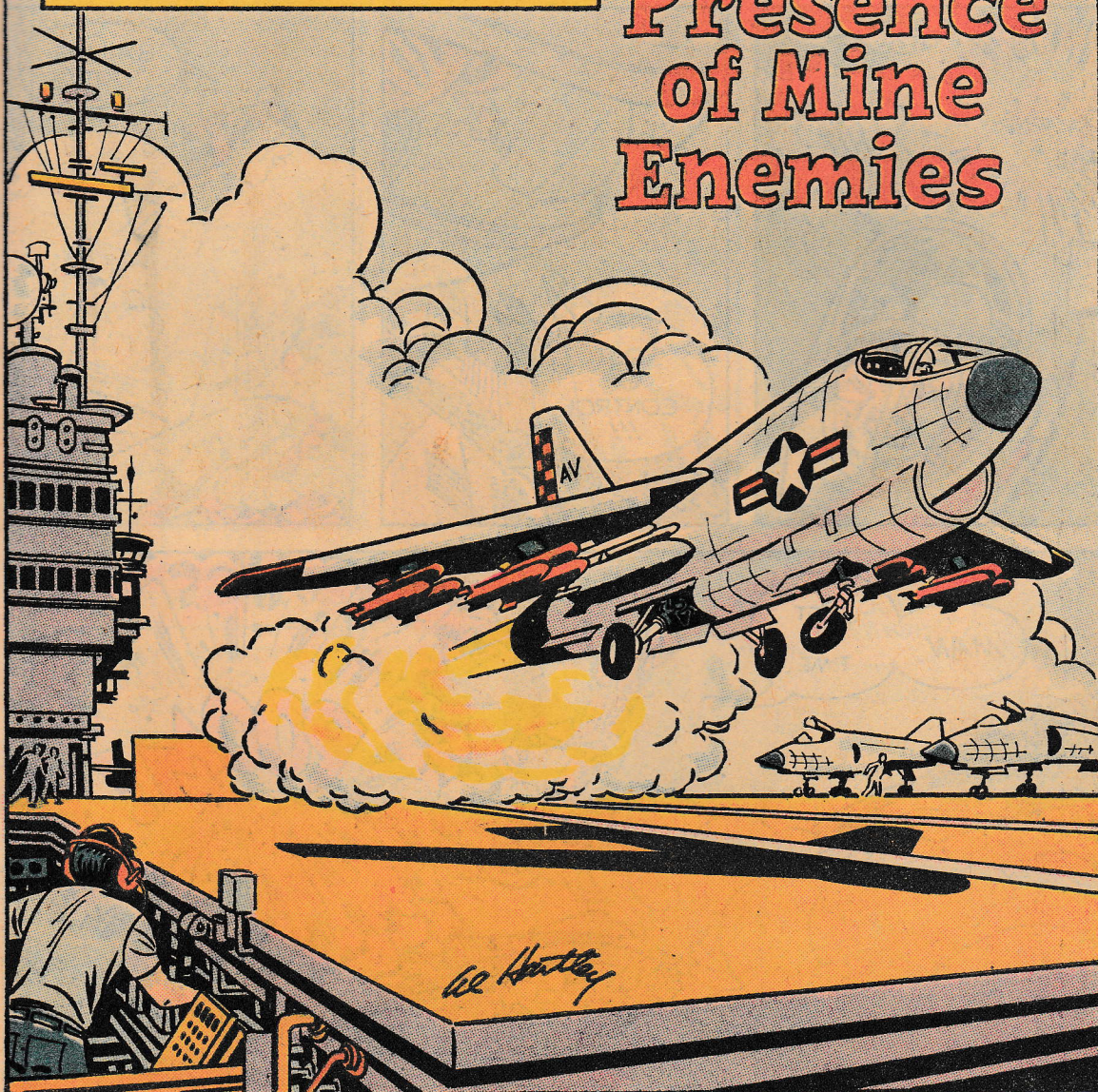
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PHYLLIS RUTLEDGE AND HER  
CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CHURCH ---



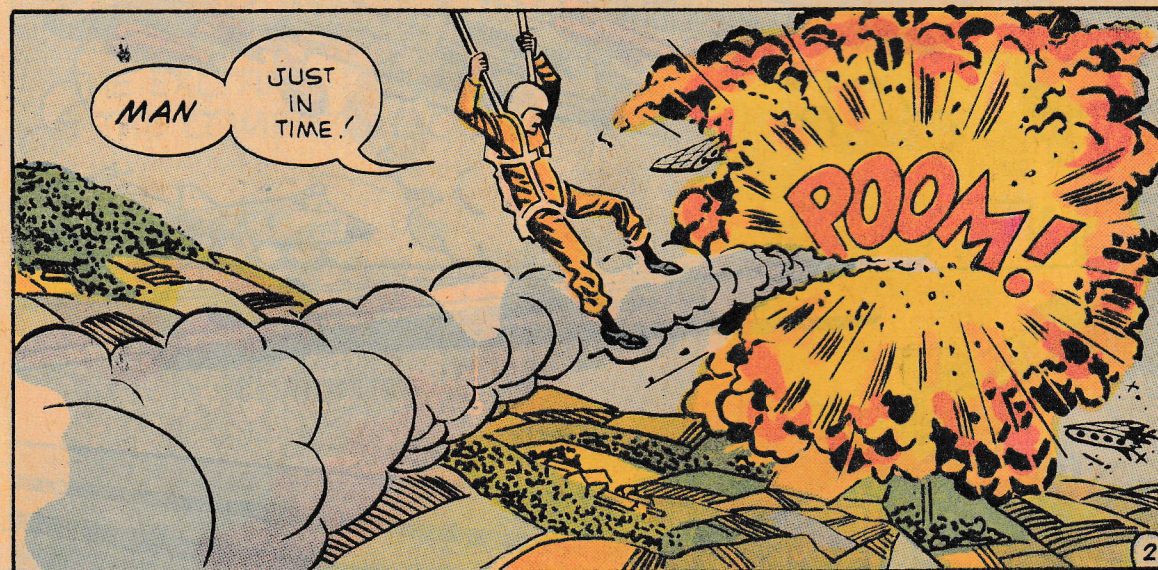
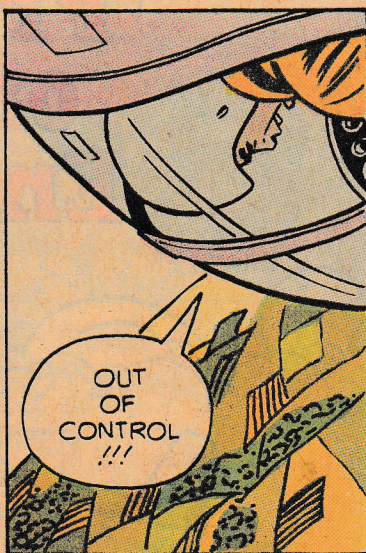
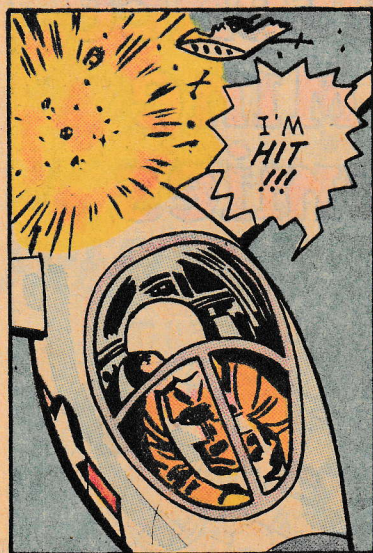
AND HALF WAY AROUND THE  
WORLD, HER HUSBAND HOWARD  
LEAVES ---

ON A DIFFERENT  
KIND OF MISSION.

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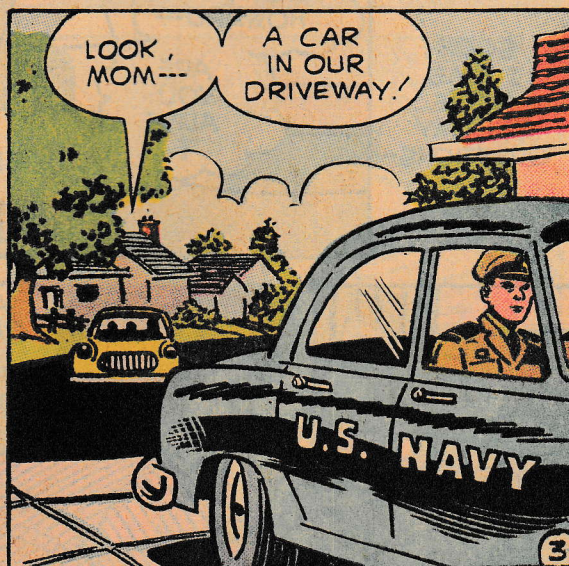
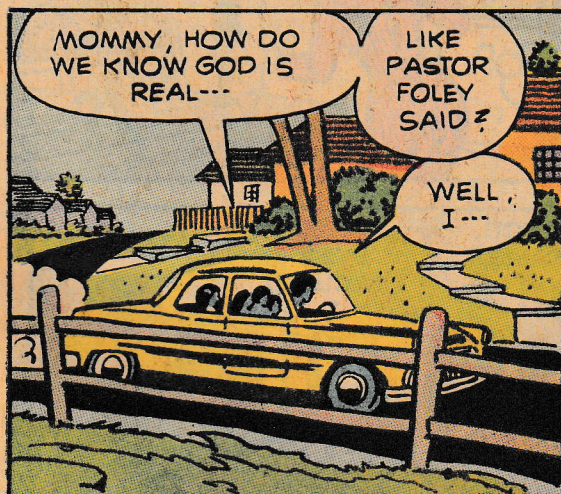




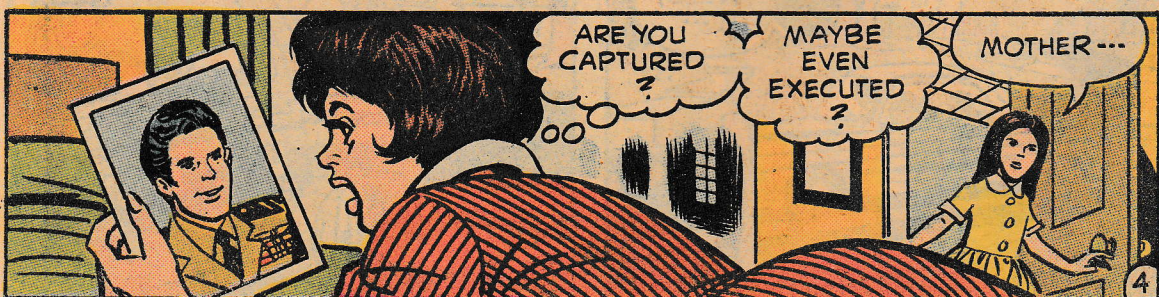
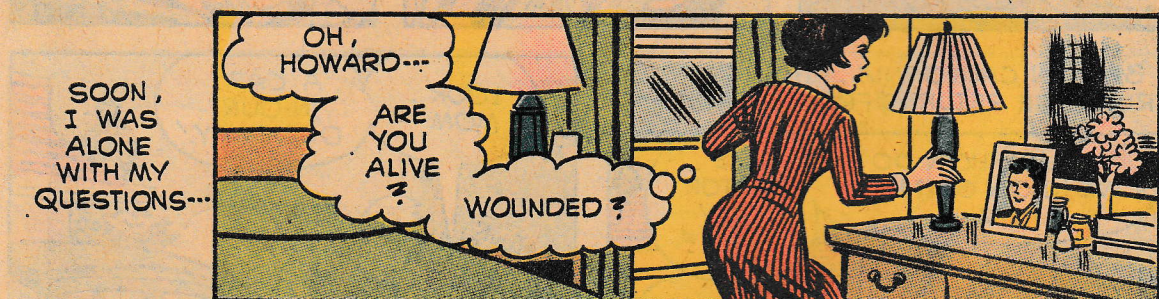
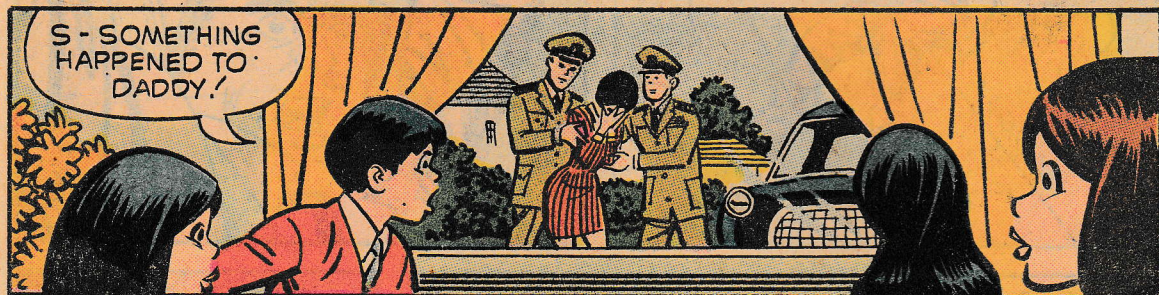




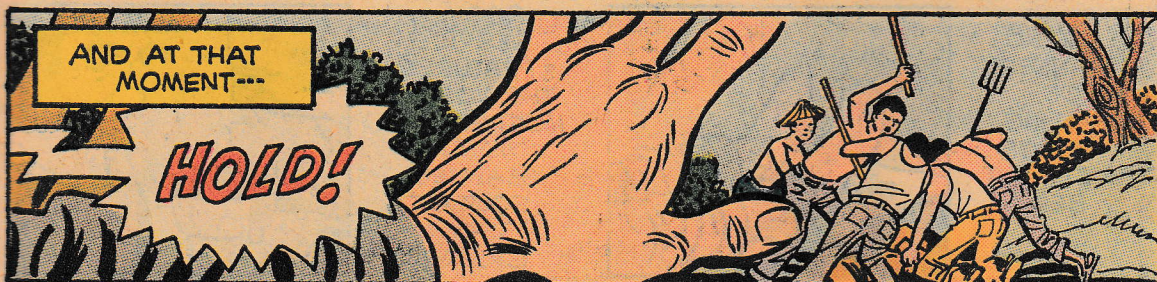
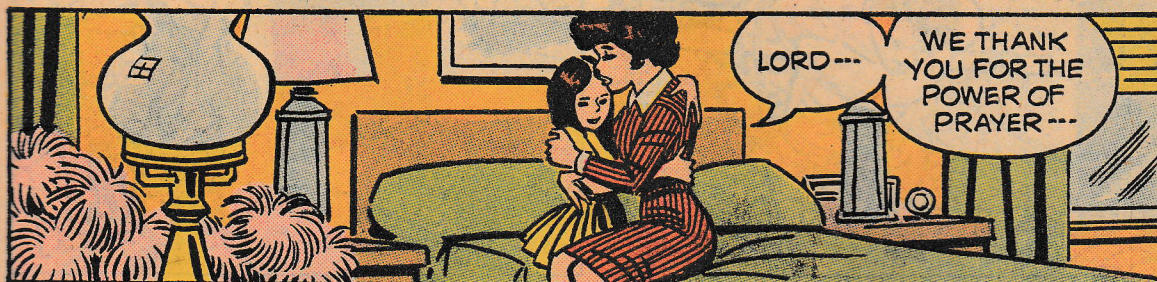
BACK IN CALIFORNIA, PHYLLIS RUTLEDGE RETURNS FROM CHURCH---





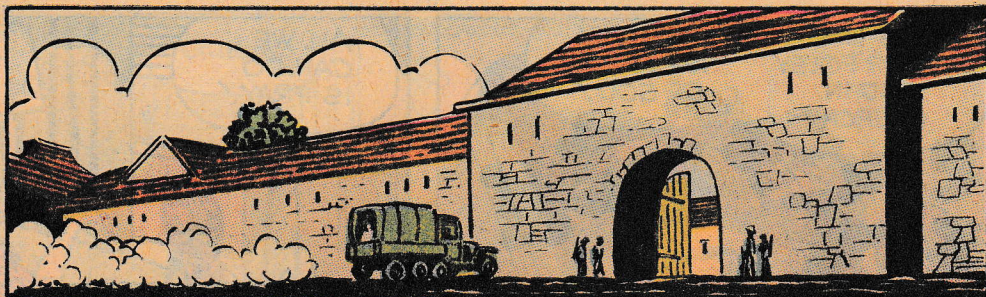






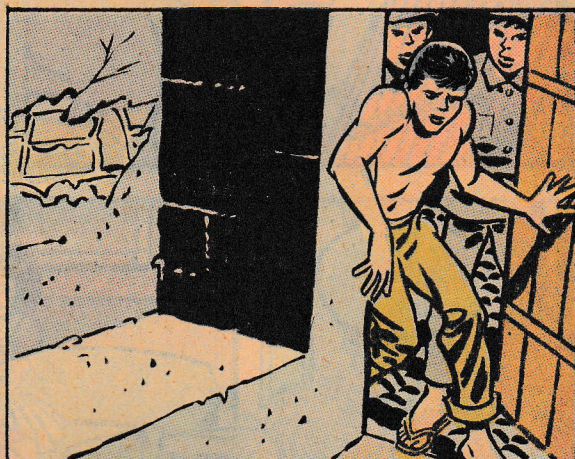


A  
NEW  
"GUEST"  
ARRIVES  
AT THE  
HANOI  
HILTON. /

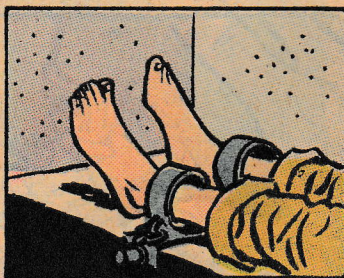


AND IS ESCORTED TO HIS ROOM---

3 X 6 FEET --- 120° HEAT ---  
NO AIR CONDITIONER. /



AND NO  
DANGER  
OF  
FALLING  
OUT OF  
THE CEMENT  
BED. /



ROOM  
SERVICE  
FEATURES  
THE WORLD'S  
MOST EXOTIC  
MENU ---  
SEAWEED  
SOUP AND  
SEWER  
GREENS. !!!



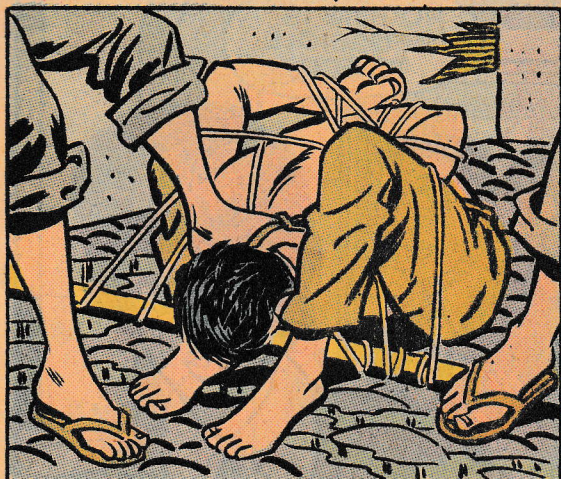
AND THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR  
IS A REAL EAGER BEAVER. /



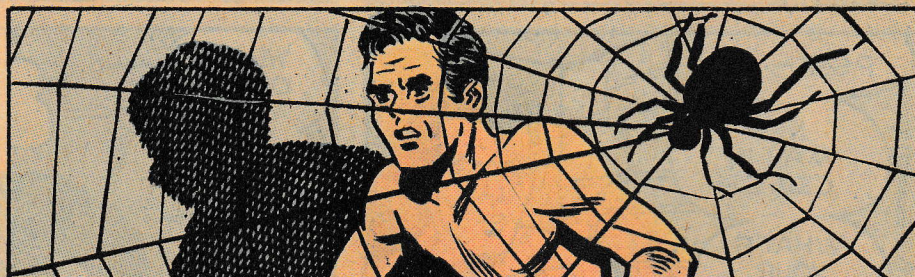


EVERYTHING WAS DESIGNED TO  
BREAK OUR SPIRIT ---

--- TO MAKE US TOOLS OF ENEMY  
PROPAGANDA !



THE  
BRUTALITY  
OF  
TORTURE  
AND  
SOLITARY  
IS  
DEVASTATING  
!!!



AT FIRST YOU PANIC !  
YOU WANT TO CRY OUT !

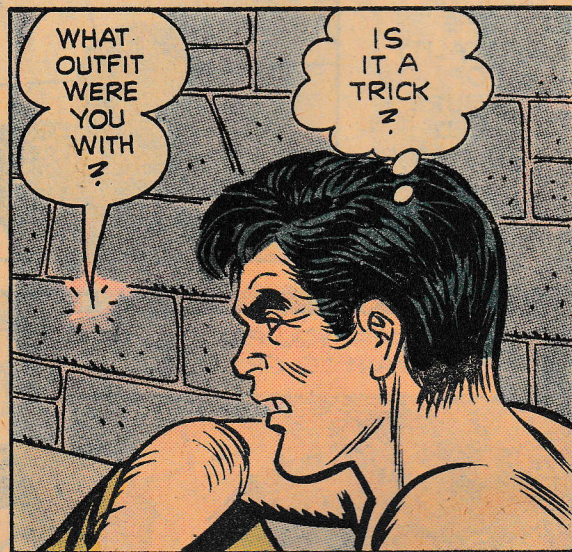


YOU WANT TO DIE ! TO CONFESS !

TO DO ANYTHING TO GET OUT OF THAT  
FOUL EVER-SHRINKING WORLD !

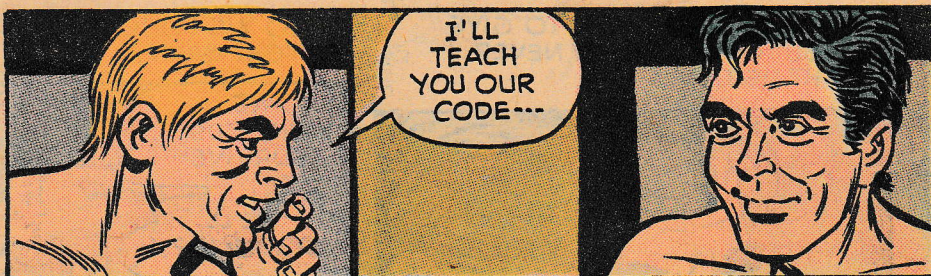








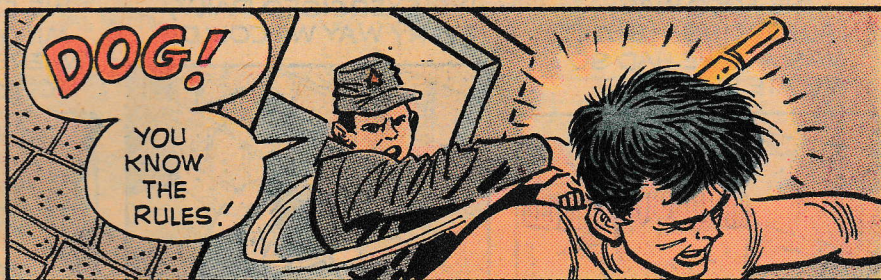
WE  
WERE  
ORGANIZED  
TO  
RESIST  
THE  
ENEMY!



I  
MEMORIZED  
THE NAME  
AND SERIAL  
NUMBER OF  
EVERY  
AMERICAN  
PRISONER!

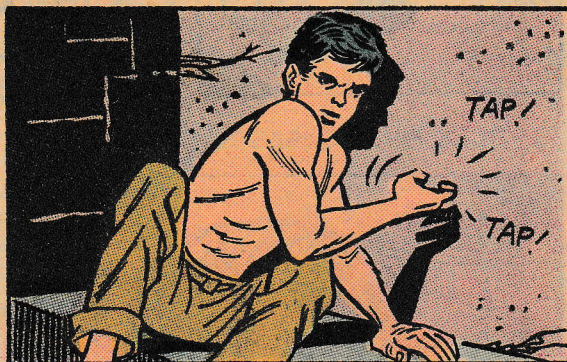


I ALSO  
LEARNED  
THAT  
AMERICANS  
WERE  
FORBIDDEN  
TO  
COMMUNICATE---



THE ENEMY KNEW IF HE COULD  
ISOLATE A MAN ---MAKE HIM FEEL  
CUT OFF --- FORGOTTEN --- HE COULD  
EASILY BREAK HIS SPIRIT!

BUT IN SPITE OF PUNISHMENT AND ALL  
KINDS OF OBSTACLES, AMERICANS  
THROUGHOUT THE PRISON WERE IN  
ALMOST CONSTANT CONTACT !!!

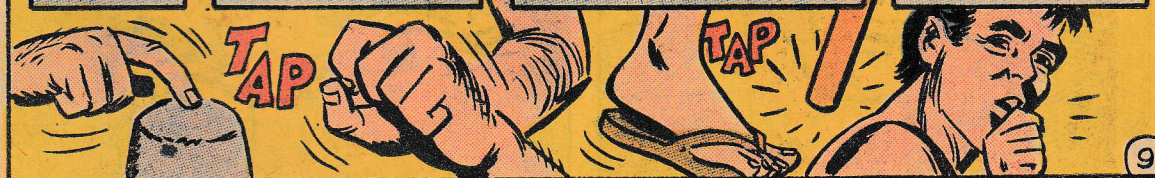


WE  
NEEDED  
EACH  
OTHER!

AND SO WE  
COMMUNICATED  
IN EVERY  
POSSIBLE WAY!

TAPPING OUT OUR  
CODE BY FINGER ---  
ELBOW --- SANDAL ---  
BROOM ---

EVEN A  
COUGH COULD  
CARRY A  
MESSAGE !!!

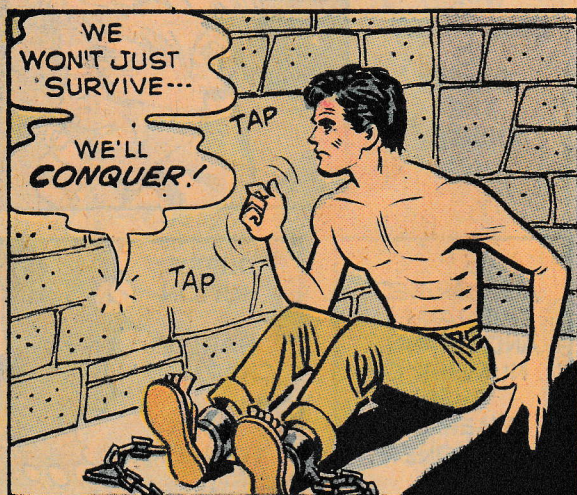




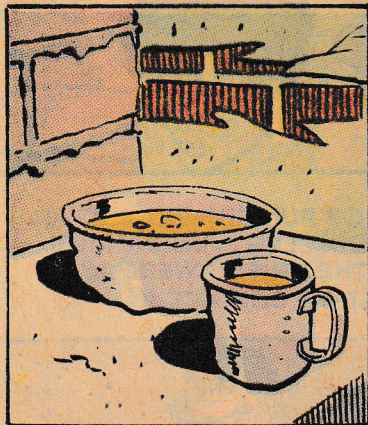
THE EASIEST THING WAS TO GIVE UP - BUT OUR COUNTRY NEVER TAUGHT US THAT.!



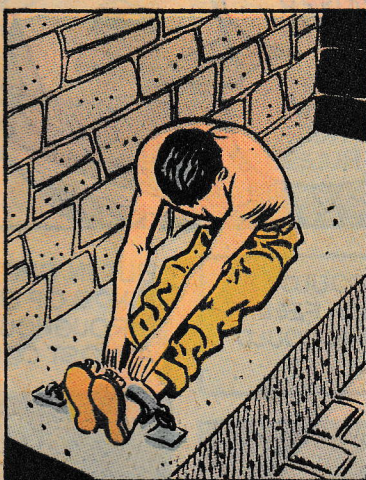
SO WE FOUGHT TO STAY ALIVE AND FIGHT BACK.!



THE FOOD WAS NAUSEATING--- BUT IT WAS ALL WE HAD SO WE ATE IT.!



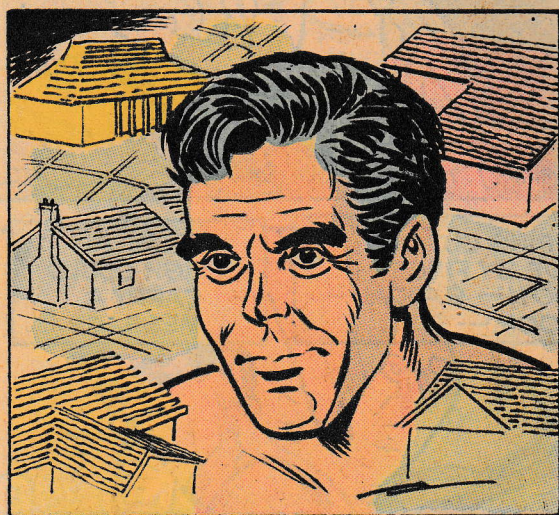
WE EXERCISED DAILY, EVERY WAY WE COULD.!



WE EXERCISED OUR MINDS, TOO. THAT'S WHERE THE MAIN BATTLE TOOK PLACE.!



I BUILT FIVE HOUSES THAT WAY.!

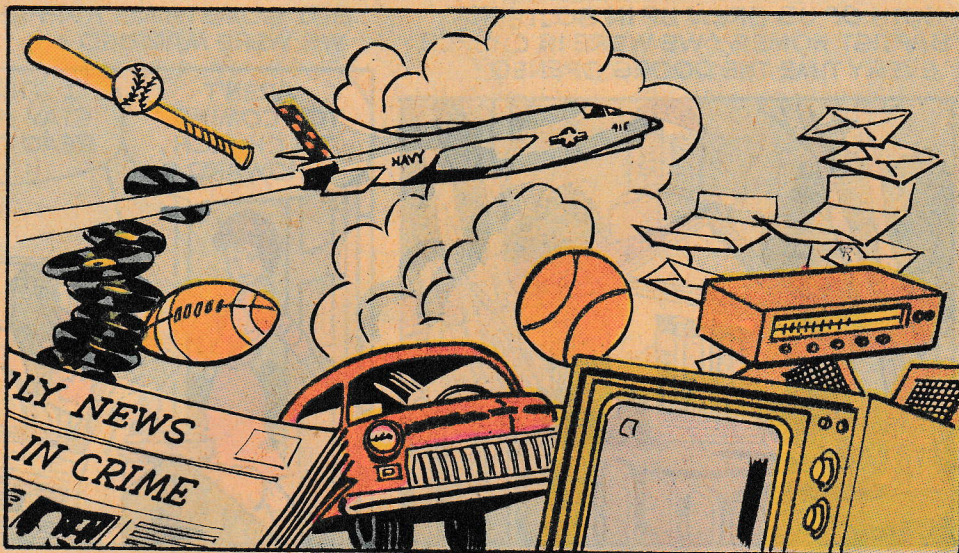


AND I HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF REFLECTION---



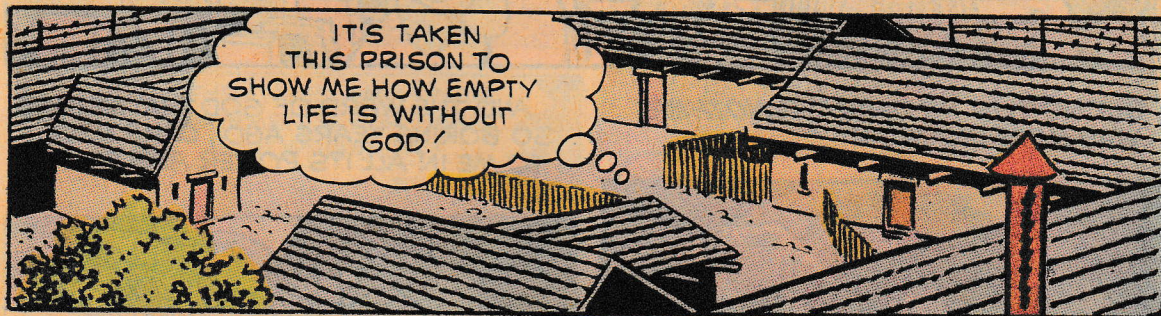
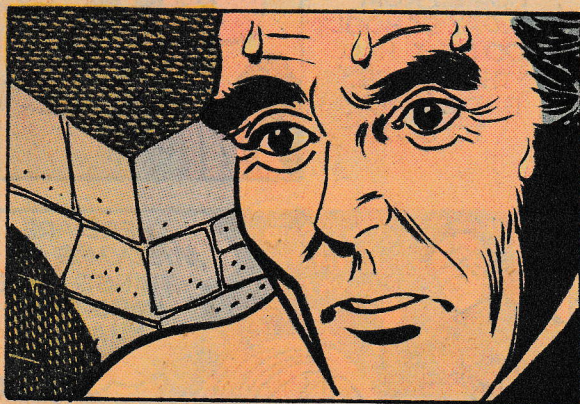
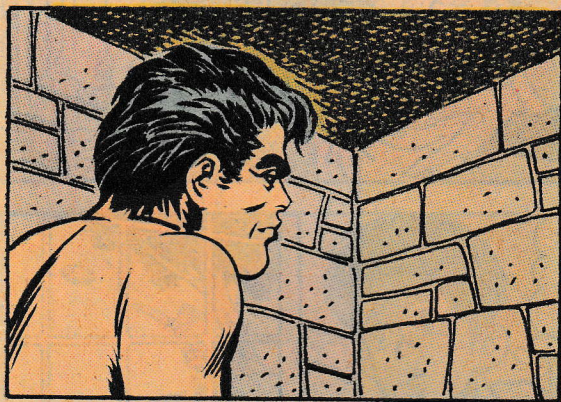


WHEN  
I WAS  
FREE,  
I WAS  
CONSTANTLY  
DEALING  
WITH  
THE  
WORLD  
OUTSIDE!



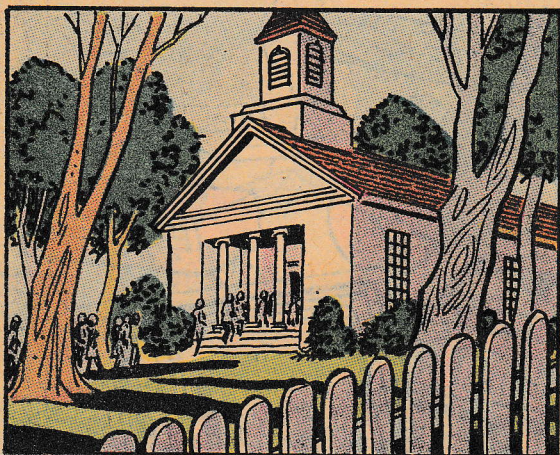
SUDDENLY THAT WAS GONE AND  
I WAS FORCED TO DEAL WITH  
THE WORLD *INSIDE*!

BUT I HAD COMPLETELY NEGLECTED  
THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION OF MY  
LIFE!





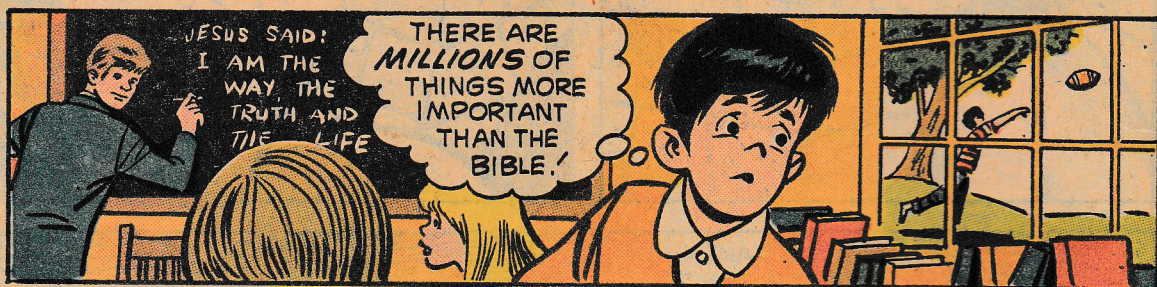
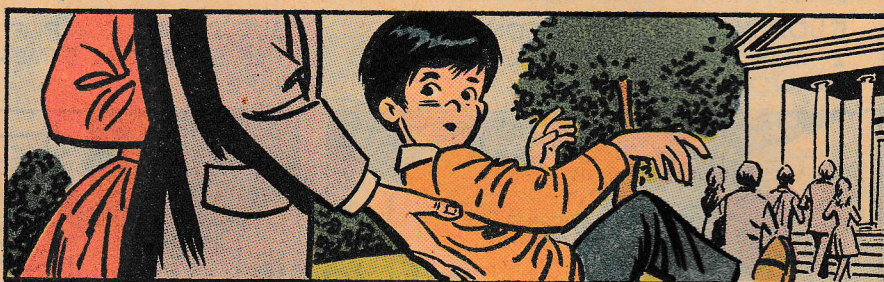
BOTH OF US GREW UP IN SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOMES. WE WERE IN CHURCH EVERYTIME THE DOORS OPENED.



BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED AFTER WE WERE MARRIED ---



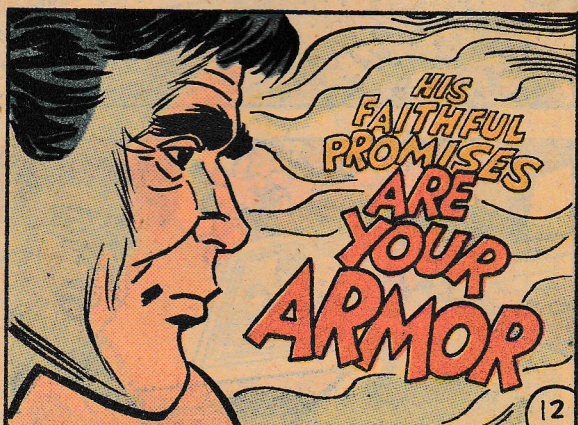
AS A BOY I WOULD HAVE STAYED HOME FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL, TOO, IF I HAD THE CHOICE. BUT I **HAD** TO GO.!!!



BUT NOW, IN MY DARK CELL **NOTHING** WAS MORE IMPORTANT.!



AND THE WORD OF GOD THAT SEEMED SO BORING YEARS AGO, CAME BACK TO ME IN ALL ITS POWER AND TRUTH.!







I'M AMAZED  
AT ALL THE SCRIPTURE  
AND HYMNS I CAN  
RECALL!

OTHER PRISONERS  
WERE ALSO  
REDISCOVERING  
THEIR FAITH!  
TOGETHER WE  
REMEMBERED  
HUNDREDS OF  
BIBLE VERSES!



JESUS  
SAID!

MY STRENGTH  
IS MADE PERFECT  
IN WEAKNESS!

TAP  
TAP

WE WERE DETERMINED TO RESIST  
OUR ENEMY AND TO OVERCOME THE  
POWER OF DEATH ALL AROUND US!



TAP  
TAP



ENEMY AWARE OUR  
RESISTANCE IS BEATING  
THEM---



--- THEY NEED ANTI-WAR  
STATEMENTS FOR THEIR  
PROPAGANDA!

WE ENDED EVERY MESSAGE  
WITH: RWH SWD GBY!

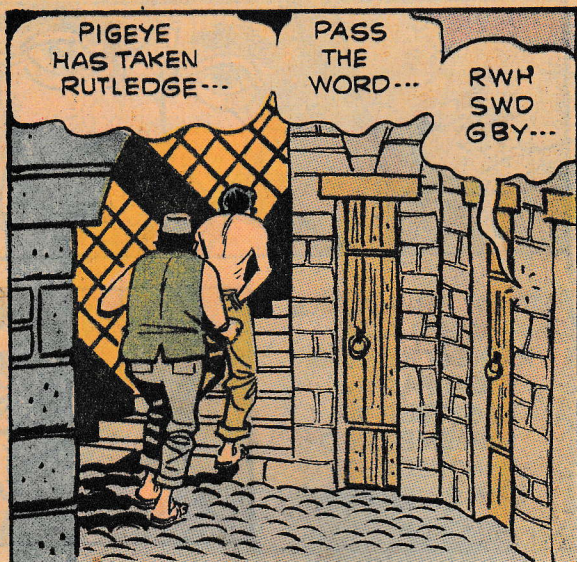


RELEASE  
WITH  
HONOR---

STICK  
WITH  
DICK---

GOD  
BLESS  
YOU!

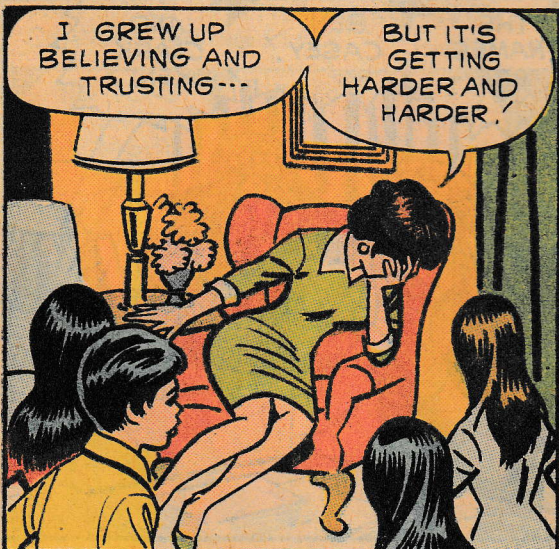
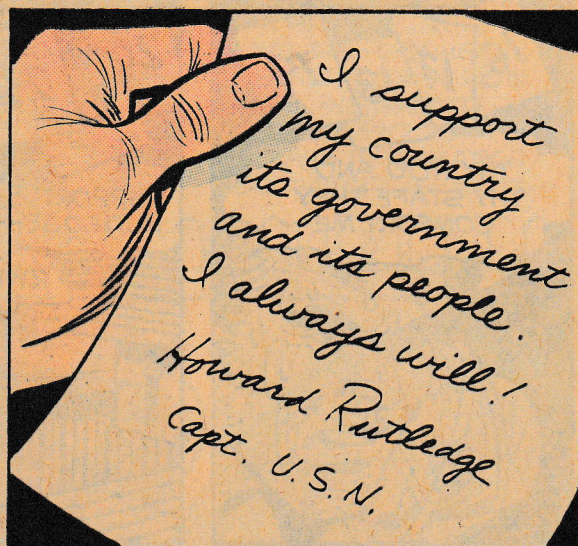




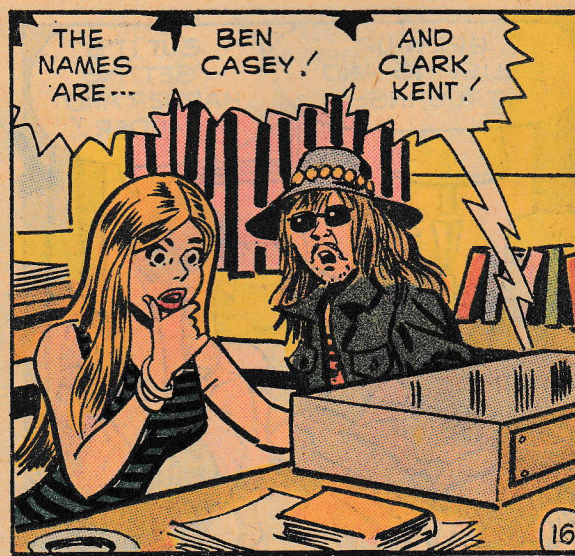
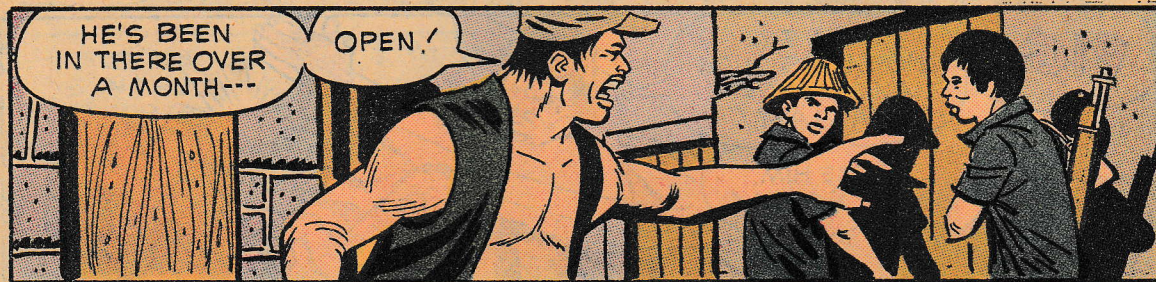
THEY LEFT ME BOUND LIKE THAT FOR TEN DAYS-- SITTING IN MY OWN EXCREMENT-- AND THEN---













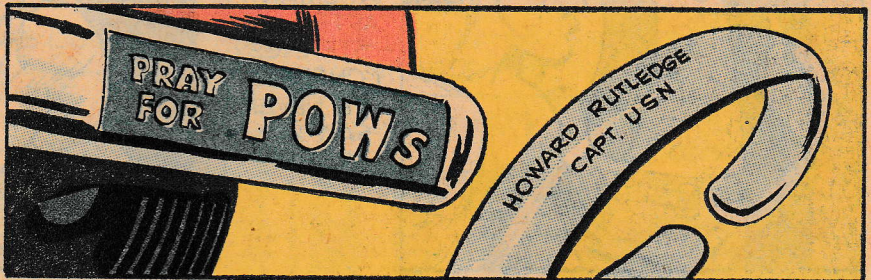
THE ENEMY  
GOT MANY  
"CONFESSIONS"  
THAT BLEW UP  
IN THEIR  
FACES!  
AND **MORE**  
BOMBS WERE  
COMING !!!



DEAR MRS. RUTLEDGE :  
WE ARE FORMING AN  
ORGANIZATION OF POW  
WIVES , WE WANT TO  
FORCE HANOI TO  
RELEASE INFORMATION  
ABOUT OUR HUSBANDS---

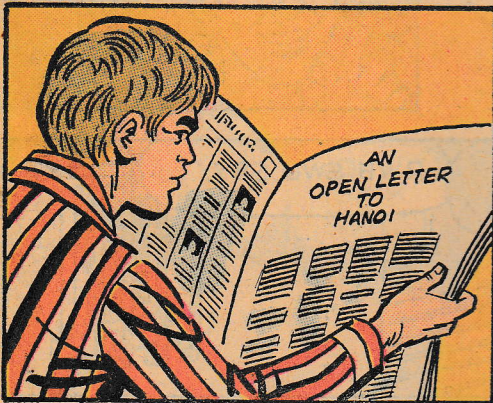


IN PRISON WE  
KNEW NOTHING  
OF THE BRACELETS  
AND BUMPER-  
STICKERS THAT  
KEPT OUR PLIGHT  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC---



HANOI TOLD US A LOT ABOUT  
ANTI-WAR ACTIVITY , BUT  
NOTHING ABOUT THE MANY GROUPS  
THAT WORKED SO HARD FOR US !

BUT HANOI FELT THE PRESSURE OF THE  
POW AND MIA GROUPS !



AND LITTLE BY LITTLE WE NOTICED  
CHANGES TAKING PLACE !

HANOI COULD READ THE HANDWRITING  
ON THE WALL ---



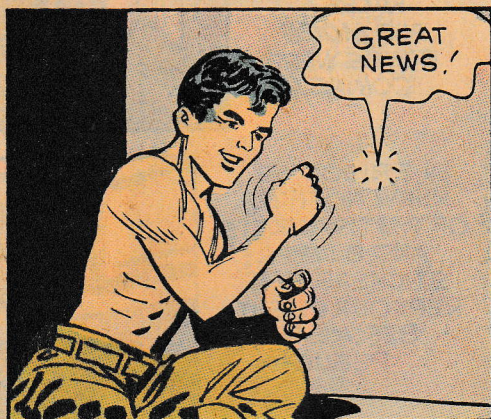


I ... I HAVE CONFESSED  
MY SIN TO THE PARTY  
AND THE PEOPLE !



SO PIGEYE  
BECAME  
A  
SCAPEGOAT  
FOR  
COMMUNIST  
INHUMANITY!  
AFTER HIS  
STRANGE  
CONFESSION  
WE NEVER  
SAW HIM  
AGAIN!

I HAD TO GET THE NEWS OUT  
QUICKLY ! THE ENEMY WAS STILL  
USING THE **THREAT** OF TORTURE  
TO USE US FOR PROPAGANDA !



GREAT  
NEWS !



IT'S NOT ALL  
ANTI-WAR AT  
HOME !

PEOPLE ARE  
SUPPORTING  
US !

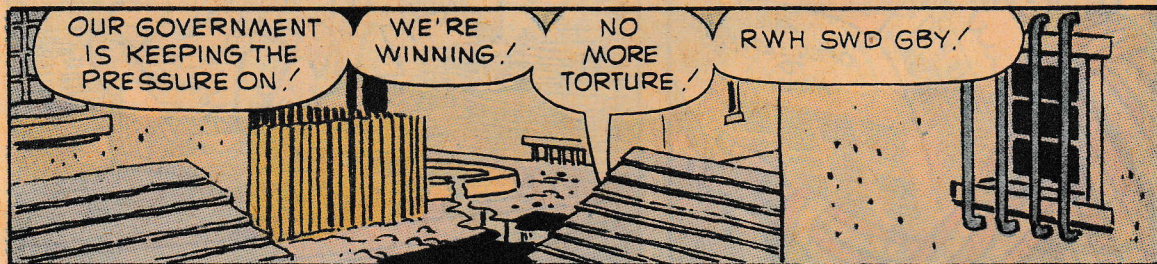


OUR GOVERNMENT  
IS KEEPING THE  
PRESSURE ON !

WE'RE  
WINNING !

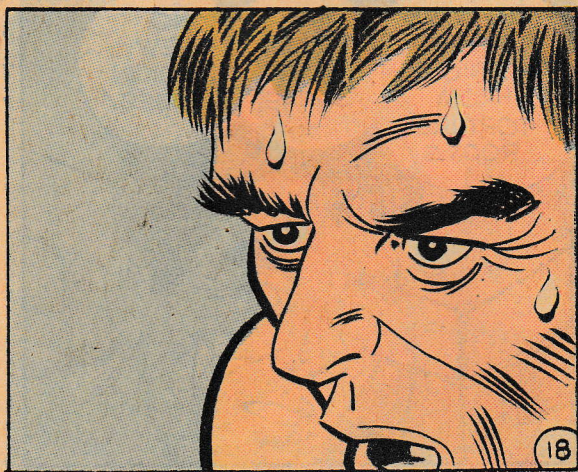
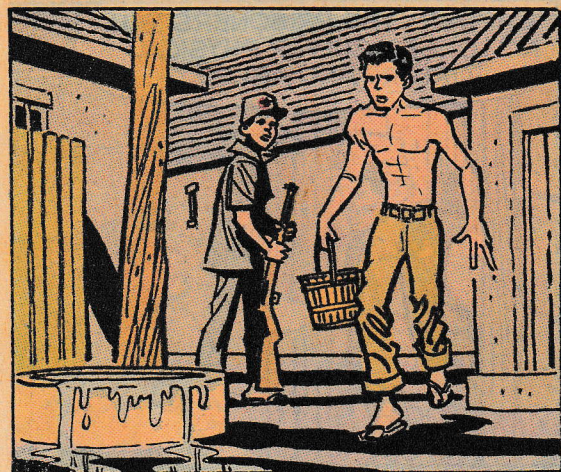
NO  
MORE  
TORTURE !

RWH SWD GBY !



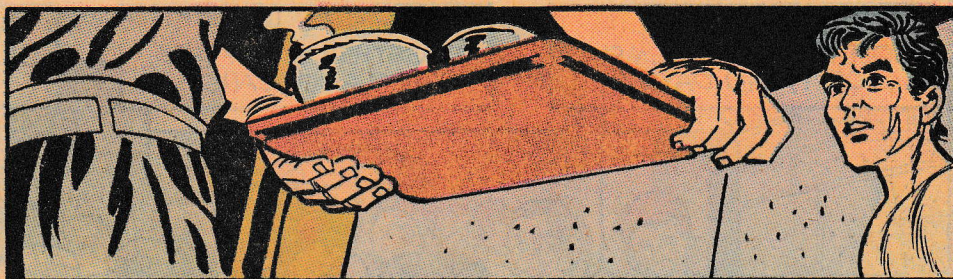
WE HAD ALL LOST CONSIDERABLE  
WEIGHT ! EVERYONE SUFFERED  
MALNUTRITION , DYSENTERY---

SOME BODIES WERE SO RAVAGED ,  
MEN PULLED WORMS FROM THEIR  
THROATS !



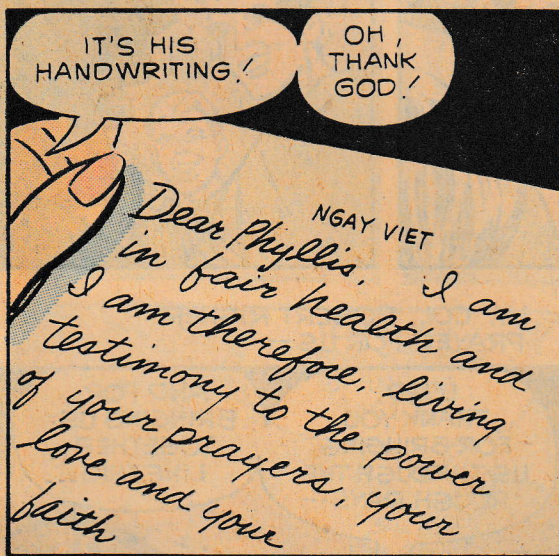


BUT  
NOW WE  
BEGAN TO  
GET BETTER  
FOOD-  
AND MORE  
OF IT!

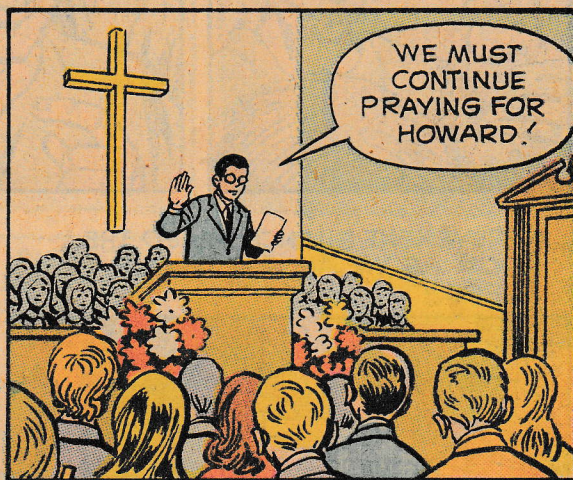


AND ON A VERY RARE OCCASION---

FINALLY, AFTER FIVE YEARS  
OF SILENCE---



PASTOR FOLEY READ MY LETTER  
FROM THE PULPIT---





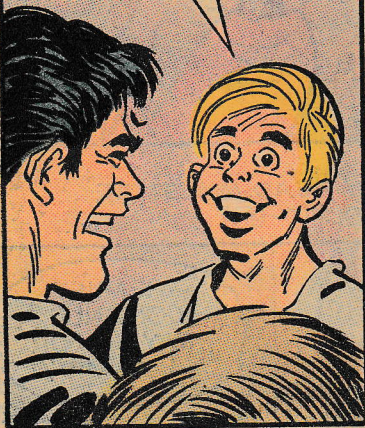
I HAD BEEN IN  
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT  
FOR 1,740 DAYS!

NOW I WAS  
TOGETHER WITH FIFTY  
OTHER AMERICANS!

WHAT A  
CELEBRATION  
WE HAD!



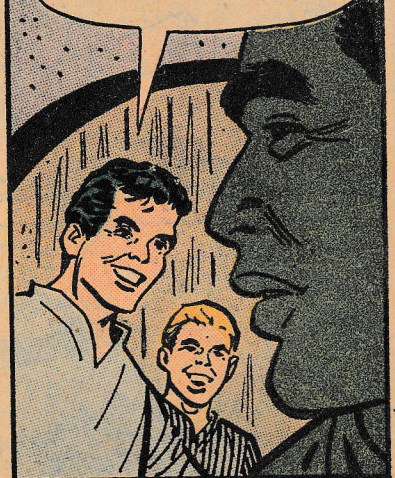
I HAVEN'T USED  
MY VOICE IN OVER  
A YEAR!



I KNOW THE BEST  
WAY FOR ALL OF US  
TO USE OUR  
VOICES---



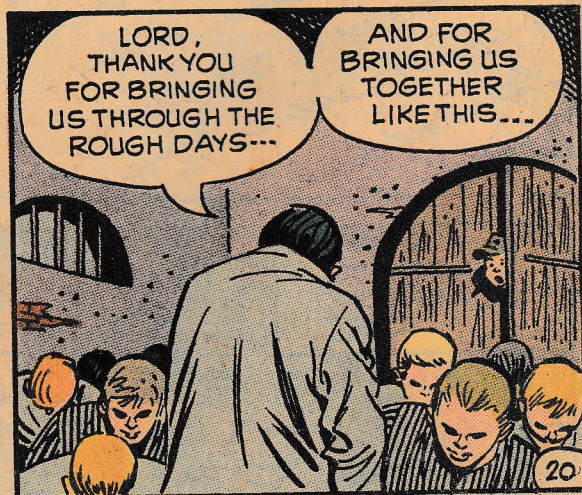
LET'S HAVE A  
WORSHIP SERVICE!



A REVERENT SILENCE FILLED THE  
ROOM AS WE ALL GOT ON OUR  
KNEES!



LT. COL. ROBERT RISNER  
PRAYED FOR US ---



LORD,  
THANK YOU  
FOR BRINGING  
US THROUGH THE  
ROUGH DAYS---

AND FOR  
BRINGING US  
TOGETHER  
LIKE THIS...



AND  
THEN  
MAJOR  
NORMAN  
MCDANIEL  
PREACHED  
THE  
SERMON---



WELL,  
GUYS---

WE DON'T  
HAVE A  
BIBLE---

AND WE  
DON'T HAVE A  
HYMN BOOK---

BUT WE'VE  
GOT THE  
**LORD!**

**RIGHT  
!!!**



HE'S  
BEEN  
HERE---

JUST  
LIKE  
HE  
PROMISED--

AND  
HIS  
PROMISES  
ARE  
TRUTH!



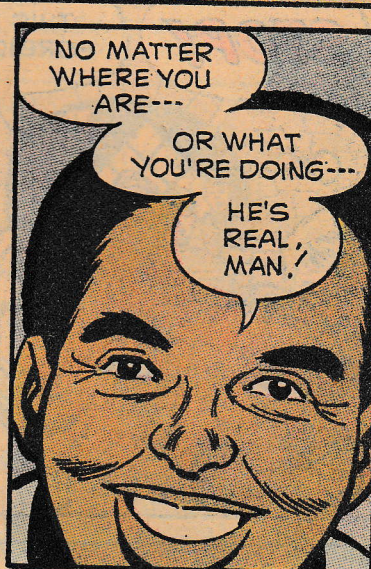
WE'VE LEARNED FIRST-  
HAND THAT JESUS IS A  
COMFORTER, A FRIEND  
AND A SAVIOR!



NO MATTER  
WHERE YOU  
ARE---

OR WHAT  
YOU'RE DOING---

HE'S  
REAL,  
MAN!



LORD, WE  
THANK YOU FOR  
GIVING US  
VICTORY---

AND FOR  
MAKING US  
BROTHERS IN  
CHRIST!







WE WERE HERDED INTO THE COURTYARD. MEMORIES OF PAST TORTURE WERE VIVID IN OUR MINDS!



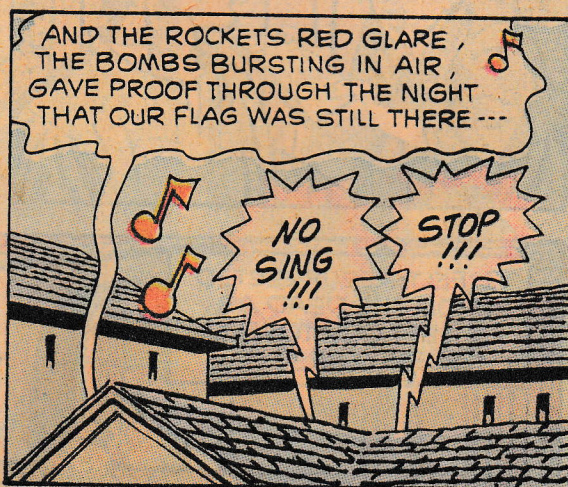


AS WE  
AWAITED  
OUR FATE,  
SOMEONE  
IN CELL-  
BLOCK 7  
BEGAN  
TO SING  
THE  
STAR  
SPANGLED  
BANNER---

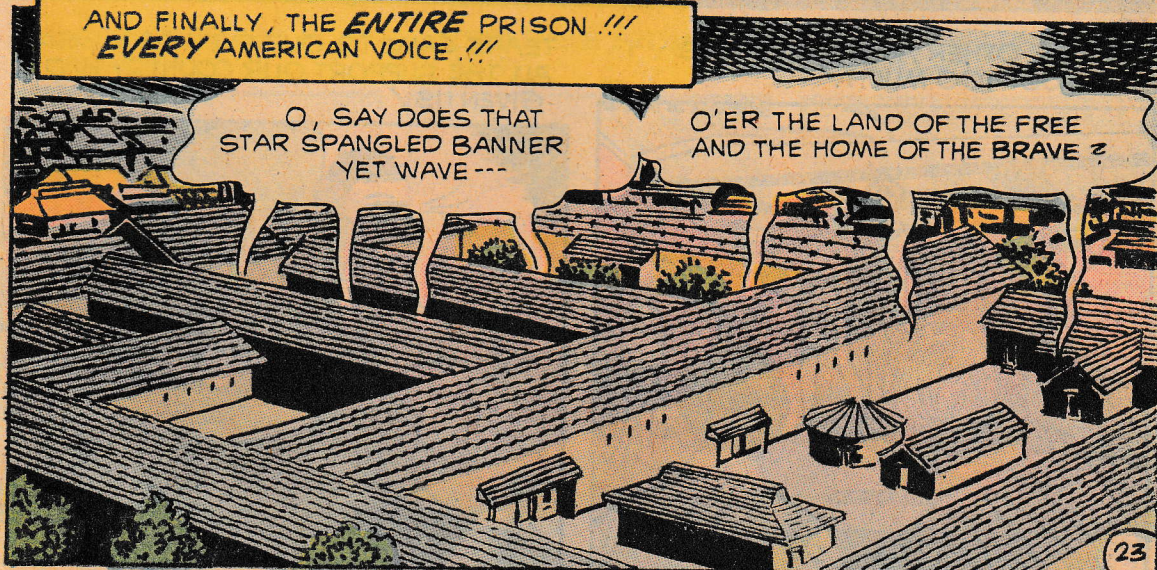


OTHERS JOINED IN ---

ALL OF CELL BLOCK 7 WAS ALIVE  
WITH THE SONG ---

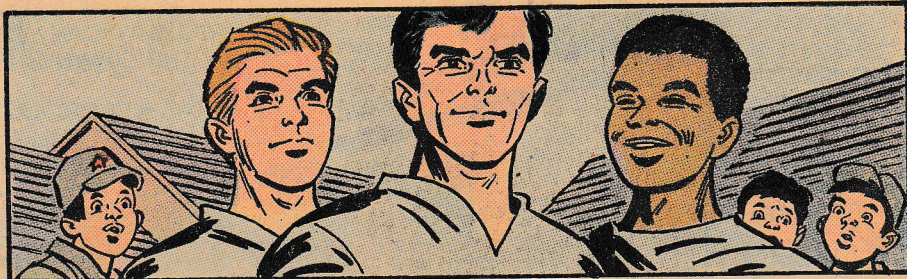


AND FINALLY, THE **ENTIRE** PRISON !!!  
**EVERY** AMERICAN VOICE !!!





THERE WAS  
NO QUESTION  
NOW! WE  
WERE GOING  
TO LEAVE HANOI  
AS **MEN!**  
STANDING TALL  
AND STRAIGHT  
NOT BROKEN  
AND BENT!



WHEN THE PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED  
IN PARIS I HAD A RELUCTANT  
VISITOR---



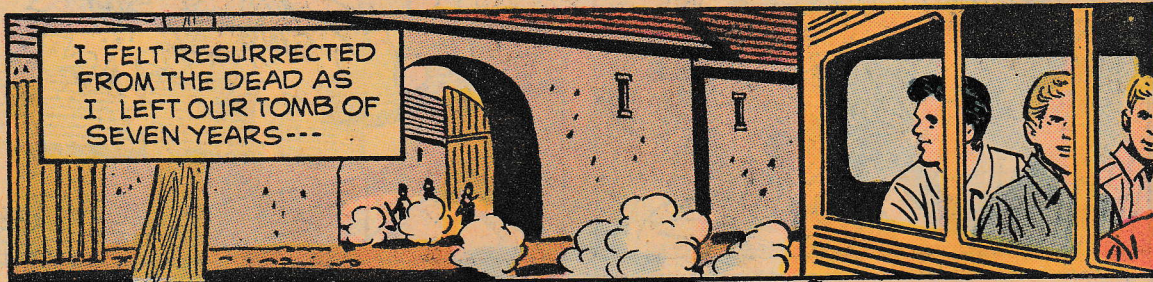
YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS INSISTED  
THAT YOU GET A COPY OF THE  
TERMS OF YOUR RELEASE!



AND  
THEN---

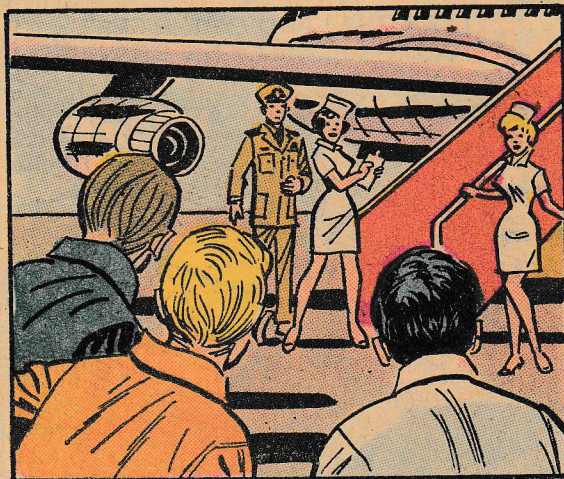
NEW  
CLOTHING!

WE'RE GOING  
TO LEAVE AS  
WE CAME  
IN-- WITH  
HONOR!

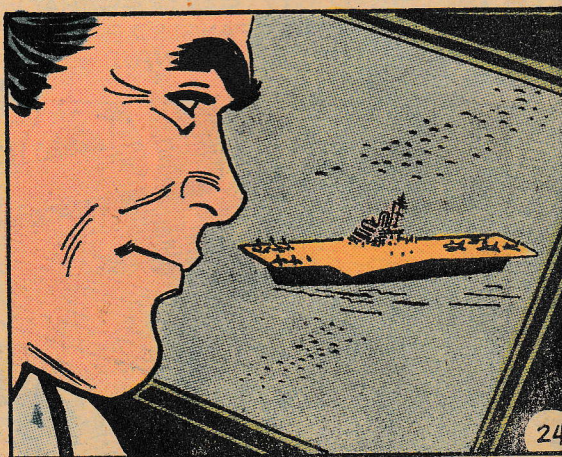


I FELT RESURRECTED  
FROM THE DEAD AS  
I LEFT OUR TOMB OF  
SEVEN YEARS---

SEEING OTHER AMERICANS WAS  
ALMOST TOO MUCH!

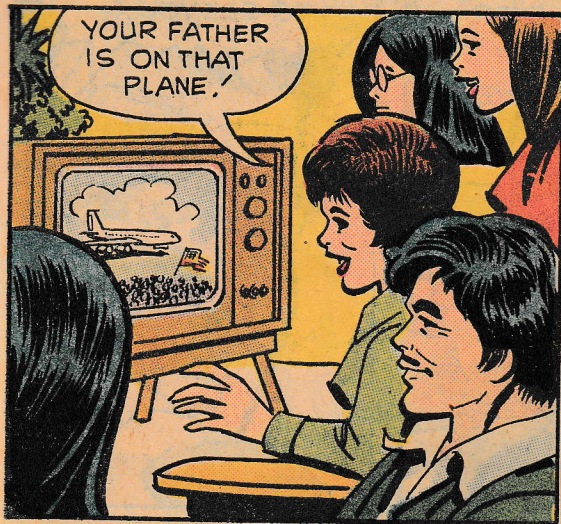


TEARS CAME TO OUR EYES AS WE SAW  
ALL THE SUPPORT OUR COUNTRY HAD  
GIVEN US!





FIRST STOP --- THE PHILIPPINES ---



AND THEN --- FIRST THINGS FIRST ---



AND THEN A CALL TO  
PHYLLIS ---



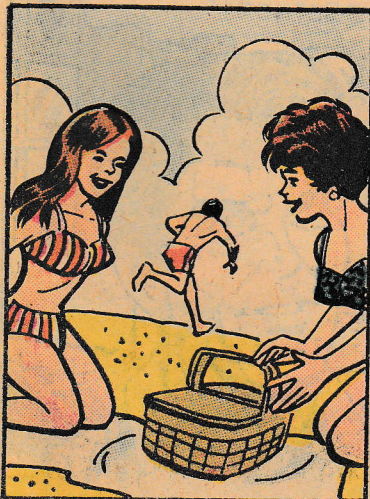
--- PHYLLIS, YOU'RE  
HOLDING SOMETHING  
BACK ---



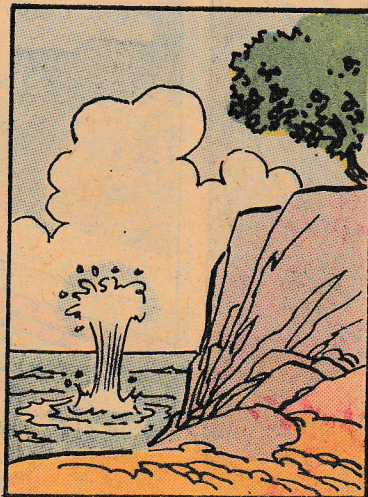
SHE TOLD ME OF OUR  
SON'S ACCIDENT ---



WE WERE AT THE  
BEACH ---



JOHN DOVE FROM THE  
CLIFF ---



AND HIT A SUBMERGED  
ROCK ---



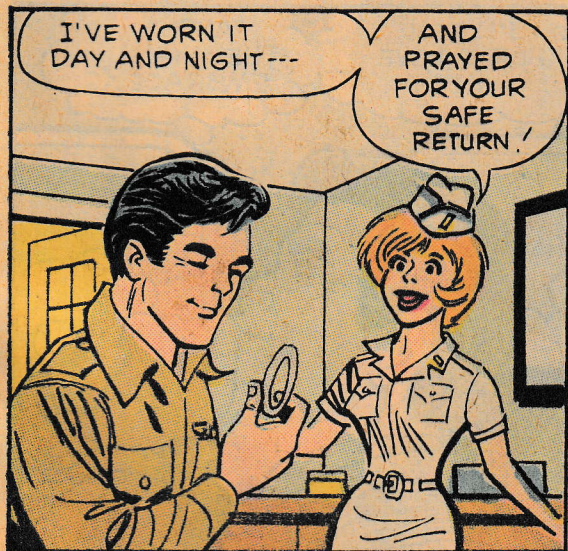
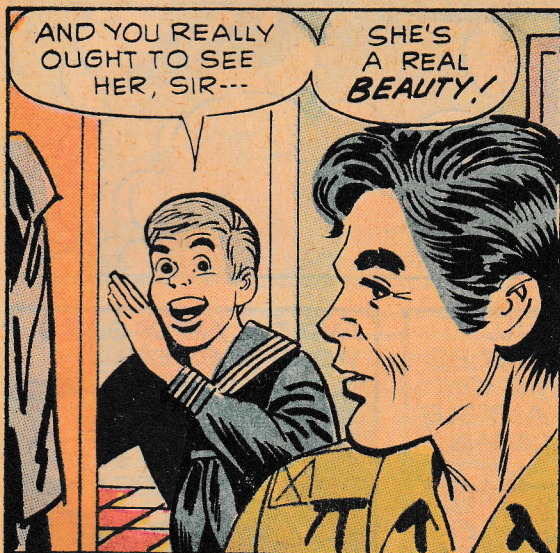




I DIDN'T SLEEP THAT NIGHT---









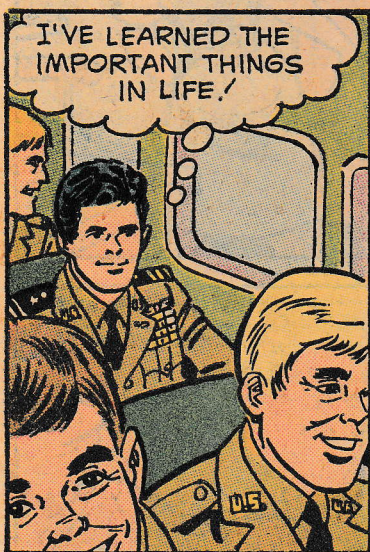
NOW THE FINAL FLIGHT  
ACROSS THE PACIFIC ---

I LEFT  
AMERICA  
A CHURCH  
DROP-OUT!

I RETURN  
TRANSFORMED  
BY WHAT I'VE  
SEEN GOD DO  
IN PRISON!



I'VE LEARNED THE  
IMPORTANT THINGS  
IN LIFE!



I'LL  
NEVER BE  
WITHOUT  
A BIBLE  
AGAIN!



AND I'LL APPLY GOD'S  
WORD IN MY FAMILY  
LIFE ---

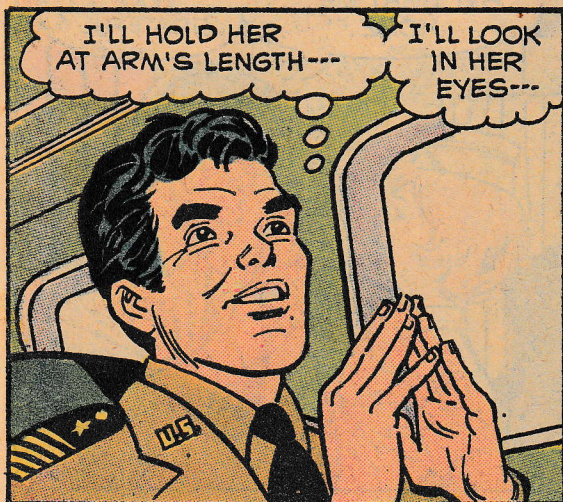
IN EVEN THE  
SMALLEST  
THINGS!



I THOUGHT OF MY REUNION WITH  
PHYLLIS AFTER NEARLY 8 YEARS ---

I'LL HOLD HER  
AT ARM'S LENGTH ---

I'LL LOOK  
IN HER  
EYES ---

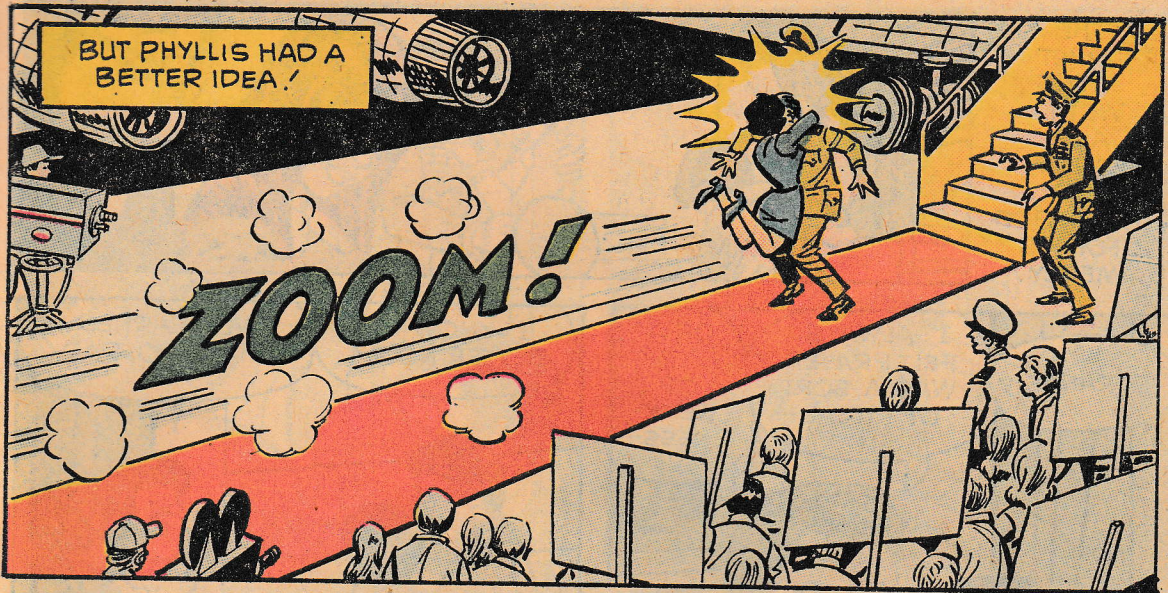


I'LL TELL  
HER I LOVE  
HER ---

AND  
THEN WE'LL  
EMBRACE!







BUT PHYLLIS HAD A BETTER IDEA!

**ZOOM!**



WHAT A WELCOME!

HANOI TOLD US AMERICA WOULD STAGE WILD DEMONSTRATIONS WHEN WE RETURNED---

---BUT HANOI DIDN'T MEAN *THIS* KIND!!!

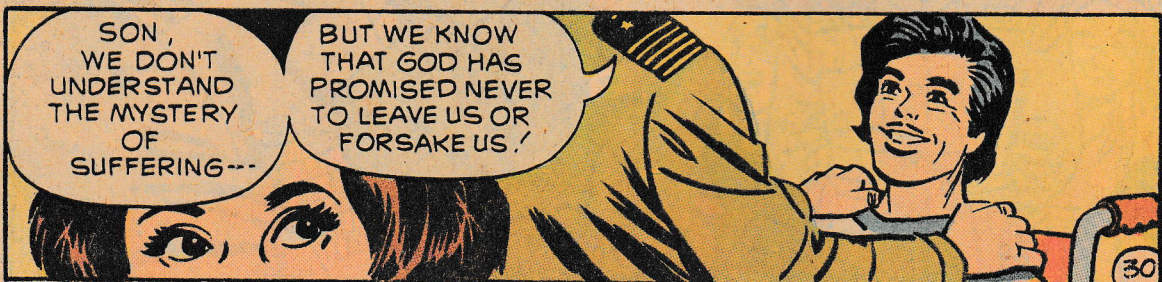
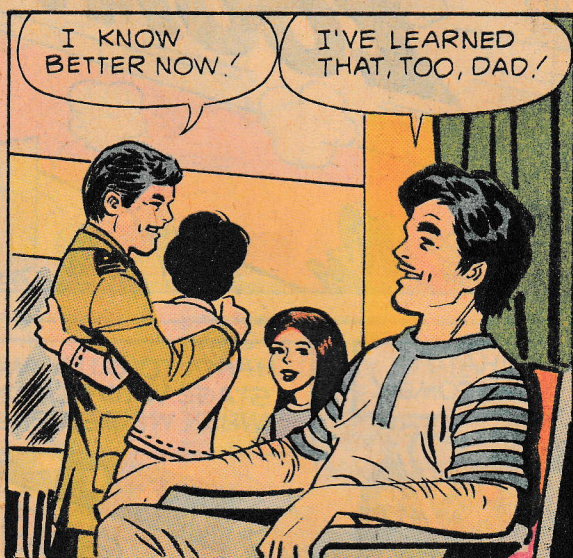
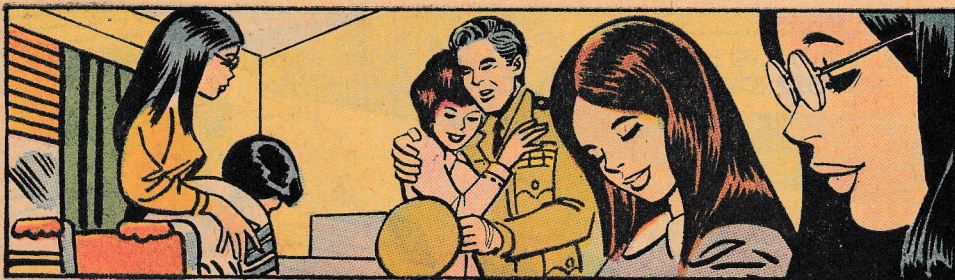
**WELCOME HOME**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

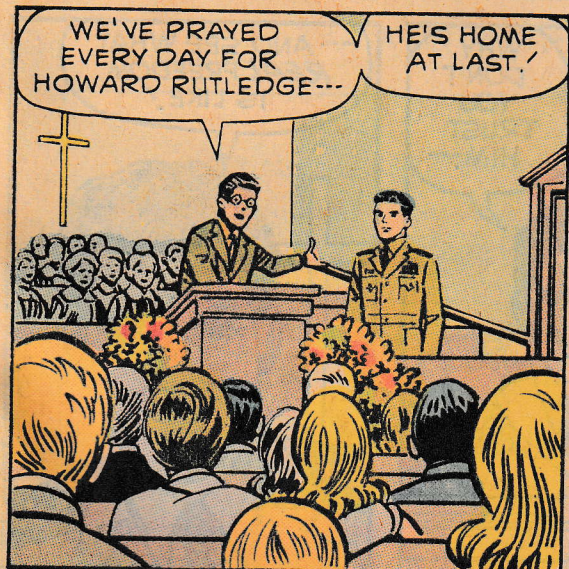
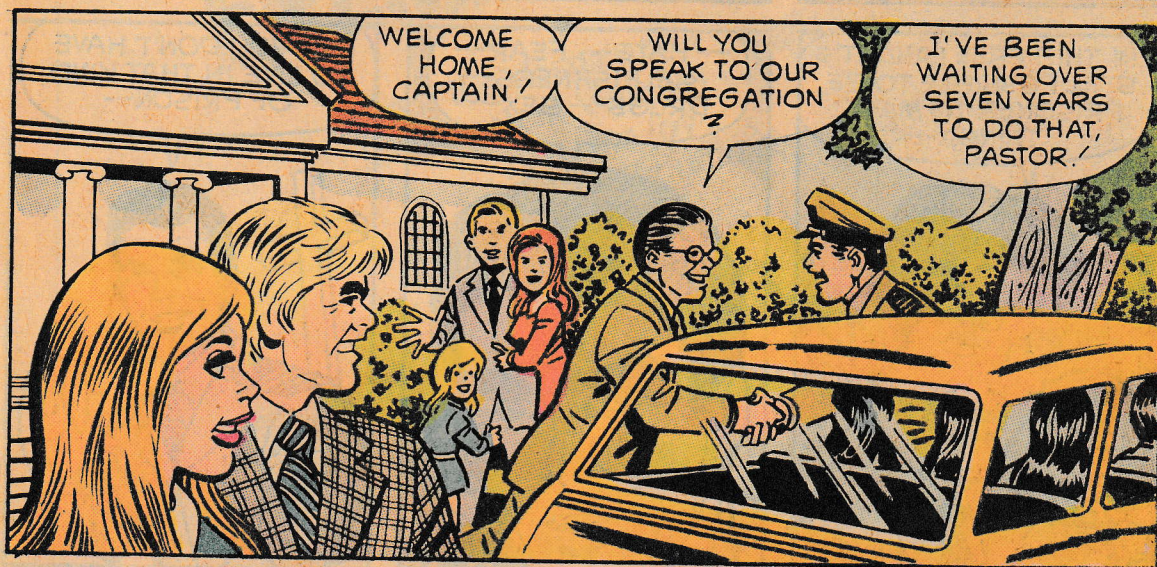
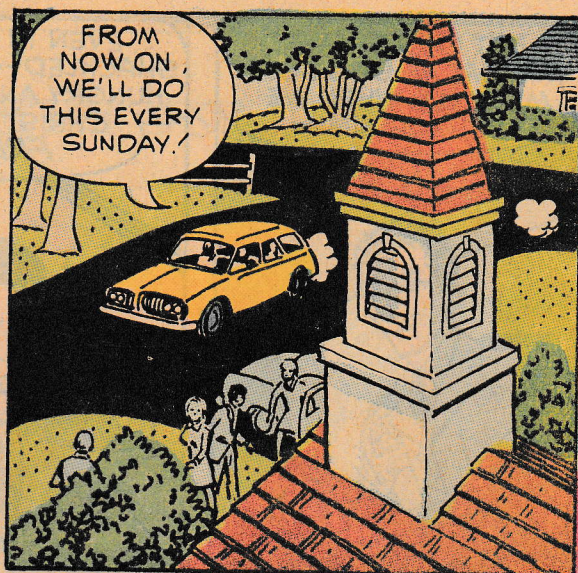
**YOU KEPT THE FAITH**



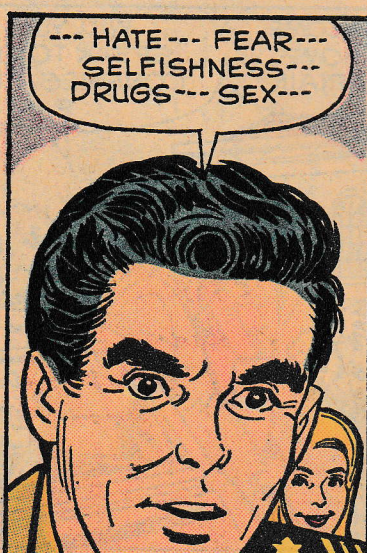
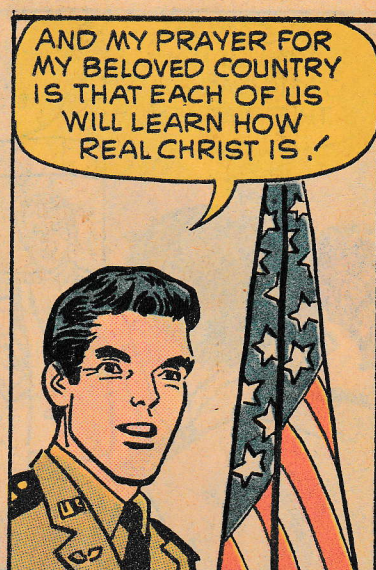
THE  
FIRST  
THING  
WE DID  
AS A  
FAMILY  
WAS TO  
THANK GOD  
FOR HIS  
MERCY!













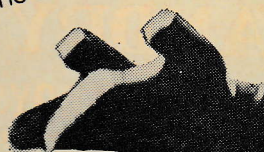
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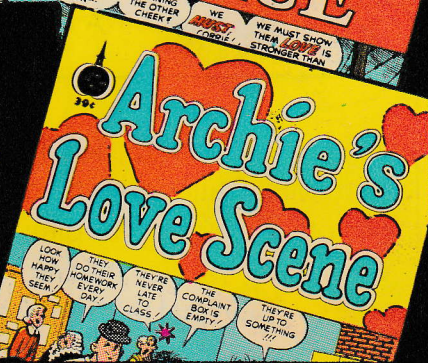
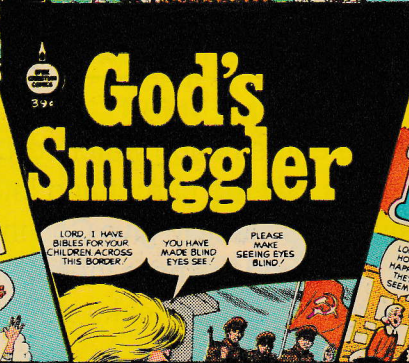
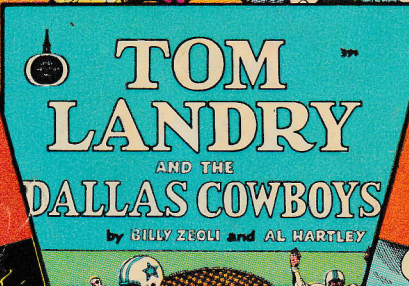
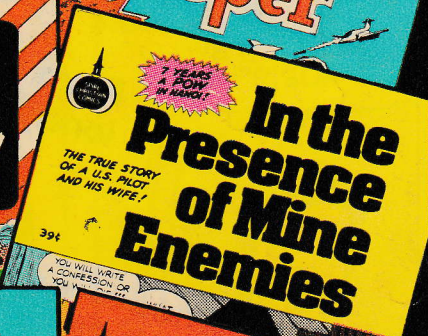
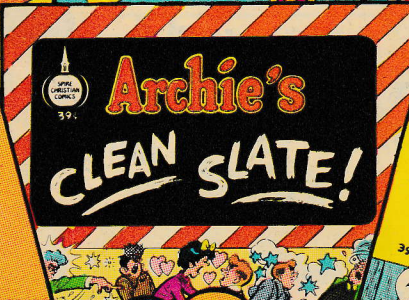
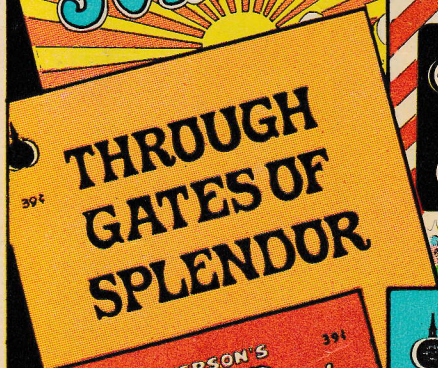
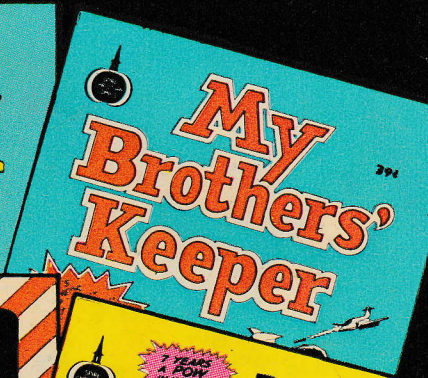
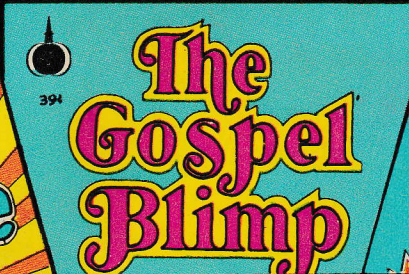




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